

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-01306-CJN**

ROBERTS v. OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS  
Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 05/03/2019  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 550 Prisoner Petition: Civil Rights (Other)  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff****VERNON ROBERTS**

represented by **VERNON ROBERTS**  
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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
07/31/2002	<u>10</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS served on 7/26/2019. (tth) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
05/03/2019		<b>Initiating Pleading &amp; IFP Application Received on 05/03/2019.</b> A copy of the docket sheet has been mailed to the address of record for the pro se party. (zsb) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS filed by VERNON ROBERTS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Exhibit)(zsb) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/03/2019	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by VERNON ROBERTS (zsb) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>3</u>	ORDER directing an initial partial filing fee in the amount of \$0 from Prison Account of VERNON ROBERTS and granting MOTION for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis (see order for full details). Pro Se party has been notified by first class mail. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 05/16//2019. (zsb) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
05/17/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zsb) (Entered: 05/22/2019)
05/23/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued as to OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zmc) (Entered: 05/24/2019)
06/10/2019	<u>5</u>	MOTION for Reconsideration re <u>3</u> Order Directing Prisoner Payment, by VERNON ROBERTS. (tth) (Entered: 06/13/2019)

06/10/2019	<u>6</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 5/29/2019. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 6/28/2019.) RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 5/29/2019. (tth) (Entered: 06/13/2019)
06/26/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Rudolph Contreras is no longer assigned to the case. (rj) (Entered: 06/26/2019)
06/28/2019	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint by OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 06/28/2019)
07/02/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>7</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the time for Defendant to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint is hereby extended up to and including 7/29/2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on 7/02/2019. (zad) (Entered: 07/02/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
07/30/2019	<u>9</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS re <u>8</u> Answer to Complaint . (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/30/2019)
08/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this Freedom of Information Act case are a Complaint and an Answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(f) appear to be inapplicable. It is hereby ORDERED that the Parties shall confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before September 16, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall address: (1) the status of Plaintiff's FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiff's FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under <i>Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force</i> , 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 14, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/16/2019. (mac) (Entered: 08/15/2019)
09/16/2019	<u>11</u>	STATUS REPORT by OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS. (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/18/2019	<u>12</u>	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE by OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS re <u>11</u> Status Report . (Seabrook, April) (Entered: 09/18/2019)
09/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon review of Defendant's <u>11</u> Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant submit a Status Report by October 16, 2019. Plaintiff is invited to submit a letter to the Court if he disputes the contents of Defendant's <u>11</u> Status Report or if he has additional information for the Court to consider. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on September 19, 2019. (lccjn2) (Entered: 09/19/2019)